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On
“The Second Ministerial Conference On Civil Registration And Vital
Statistics In Asia And The Pacific
(2nd MCCRVS)”

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Her Excellency Armida Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary of UNESCAP,
Distinguished Delegates,

Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

May peace be upon us all

1. Good afternoon UNESCAP Executive Secretary, colleague ministers, and esteemed ladies and gentlemen.

2. Thank you for inviting me to the UNESCAP second ministerial meeting of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics.

3. Indonesia has been strengthening our CRVS system for the past ten years. As a result, we have registered 96% of Indonesians under a unique ID number, reached an estimated 99% of adults and granted them an electronic national ID card. We successfully conducted the 2020 population census with our civil registry database as a starting point, and
we now have much more complete demographic information of our population.

4. This success was made possible by a whole-government approach. Our Population and Civil Registration colleagues work tirelessly and in collaboration with Statistics Agency, village, district, and provincial governments, and other technical sectors where citizens’ vital events occurred, such as health, education, and social protection.

5. As much as we are proud of our accomplishments, we are humbled by the remaining gaps we still need to address. Our socio-economic survey estimates that 23% of under-five children did not yet have a birth certificate. We aim to have all children under five registered with a birth certificate by the end of 2024.

6. CRVS system produces a legal identity document required by most basic services in Indonesia. This makes registering everyone is our key priority. Data from the civil registry are also key in driving inclusive development. We have used our CRVS for many development purposes, such as social security programs, financial services, and health services, to name a few. The civil registry is beneficial in the health sector during the current pandemic, especially in identifying the mobility of people, verifying vaccination incidence, and tracking and tracing potential covid-19 suspects.

7. We recognize that applying data and identity-driven pandemic control may exclude the most marginalized from accessing assistance and participating in our mitigation measures. We will continue to overcome this issue by introducing an integrated approach, where essential services become the point of identification for people who lack documentation and can facilitate registration. In addition to a user-friendly application to register birth and death incidents, we collaborate with the Ministry of Health to strengthen cause-of-death registration. We also
appoint trained community members as civil-registry facilitators at the village level, especially in remote and geographically challenging areas.

8. Indonesia has recently adopted a national strategy on CRVS that consists of five pillars: 1) to count and register everyone, especially the hidden population and those residing abroad; 2) to strengthen the demand side awareness and capacity; 3) to accelerate registration among vulnerable groups and people with special needs; 4) enhancing the governance of vital statistics, and 5) improving coordination and collaboration among public and private stakeholders. This national strategy guide the work of over a dozen ministries and the local governments.

9. With these strategies, we want to achieve a more universal, inclusive, and continuous civil registration system so our people can enjoy access to services and life opportunities. As importantly, our programs are informed by accurate, complete, and timely vital statistics.

10. We acknowledge the complexity in achieving these goals. Differences in service providers' capacities, lack of infrastructure, competing priorities and limited financial resources, system, policy, and programmatic silo are the few and most striking challenges. I hope to collaborate with all esteemed participants in this event to share experience and knowledge so that we can learn the best practices and improve our policy and strategies on CRVS.

Thank you for your kind attention

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